

Substitute Bill No. 1085

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGALIZATION OF THE RETAIL SALE AND POSSESSION OF CANNABIS AND CONCERNING ERASURE OF CRIMINAL RECORDS IN THE CASE OF CONVICTIONS BASED ON THE POSSESSION OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF CANNABIS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) As used in this section, and
- 2 sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, unless the context otherwise
- 3 requires:
- 4 (1) "Cannabis" means a cannabis-type substance, as defined in section 21a-240 of the general statutes;
- 6 (2) "Consumer" means an individual twenty-one years of age or older;
- 8 (3) "Cultivation" means cultivation, as defined in section 21a-408 of the general statutes;
- 10 (4) "Distribute" means distribute, as defined in section 21a-240 of the 11 general statutes;
- 12 (5) "Cannabis concentrate" means any form of concentration, 13 including, but not limited to, extracts, oils, tinctures and waxes, that is 14 extracted from cannabis and that contains cannabinoids:

- 15 (6) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means a person licensed to 16 cultivate, prepare and package cannabis and sell cannabis to cannabis 17 product manufacturing facilities, cannabis retailers and other cannabis 18 cultivation facilities;
- (7) "Cannabis establishment" means a cannabis cultivation facility,cannabis product manufacturing facility or cannabis retailer;
 - (8) "Cannabis product" means a product that is comprised of cannabis or cannabis concentrates and other ingredients and are intended for use or consumption, including, but not limited to, edible products and ointments;
 - (9) "Cannabis product manufacturing facility" means a person licensed to purchase cannabis, manufacture, prepare and package cannabis products and sell cannabis and cannabis products to cannabis product manufacturing facilities and retail cannabis stores;
- 29 (10) "Cannabis retailer" means a person twenty-one years of age or 30 older who is licensed to (A) purchase cannabis from cannabis 31 cultivation facilities, (B) purchase cannabis and cannabis products 32 from cannabis product manufacturing facilities, and (C) sell cannabis 33 and cannabis products to consumers. "Cannabis retailer" includes any 34 agent or employee of the cannabis retailer who is twenty-one years of 35 age or older and engaged in the business of the cannabis retailer;
- 36 (11) "Paraphernalia" means drug paraphernalia, as defined in 37 section 21a-240 of the general statutes; and
- 38 (12) "Possession limit" means the amount of cannabis that may be 39 possessed at any one time by a consumer, as provided in section 2 of 40 this act.
- Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) A consumer may possess, use and otherwise consume cannabis and cannabis products, provided (1) no such consumer possesses any such cannabis or cannabis product in a manner that is not secure from unauthorized access or access by

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- any person under twenty-one years of age, (2) such cannabis or cannabis product was purchased from a cannabis retailer, and (3) the amount of all such cannabis, including the amount contained in any cannabis product, does not exceed such consumer's possession limit of one and one-half ounces of cannabis, of which no more than five grams may be in the form of a cannabis concentrate.
 - (b) Any consumer who possesses cannabis in accordance with subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of this section, but in excess of the amount of cannabis permitted in accordance with the possession limit in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, shall be guilty of a violation of (1) section 21a-279a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, if such excess amount is less than one-half ounce, or (2) section 21a-279 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, if such excess amount is one-half ounce, or more.
 - (c) Any consumer who possesses cannabis in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, but possesses more than 5 grams of cannabis concentrate without exceeding the possession limit for all cannabis under subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of this section, shall be guilty of an infraction.
 - Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) (a) A cannabis retailer may sell cannabis and cannabis products to a consumer in an amount for any single transaction that does not exceed the possession limit. Each such cannabis retailer shall ensure that any purchase pursuant to this section is conducted in accordance with section 30-86 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- 70 (b) No cannabis retailer may sell any cannabis or cannabis product 71 to any individual under twenty-one years of age.
- 72 (c) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) or (b) of 73 this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- 74 (d) (1) In any prosecution of a cannabis retailer for selling cannabis 75 or any cannabis product to an individual under twenty-one years of

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age in violation of subsection (b) of this section, it shall be an affirmative defense that all of the following occurred: (A) An individual attempting to purchase cannabis or any cannabis product presented a driver's license or an identity card, as defined in section 30-86 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; (B) a transaction scan in accordance with section 30-86 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, of the driver's license or identity card that the individual presented indicated that the license or card was valid; and (C) the cannabis or cannabis product was sold to the individual in reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan.

(2) In determining whether a cannabis retailer has proven the affirmative defense provided by subdivision (1) of this subsection, the trier of fact in such prosecution shall consider that reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan may require a cannabis retailer to exercise reasonable diligence and that the use of a transaction scan device does not excuse a cannabis retailer from exercising such reasonable diligence to determine the following: (A) Whether an individual to whom the cannabis retailer sells is twenty-one years of age or older; and (B) whether the description and picture appearing on the driver's license or identity card presented by an individual are those of the individual.

Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, no cannabis retailer or consumer may be subject to arrest or prosecution, penalized in any manner, including, but not limited to, being subject to any civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege for the acquisition, distribution, possession, use or transportation of cannabis or paraphernalia related to cannabis in accordance with the provisions of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Any cannabis, paraphernalia relating to cannabis or other property seized by law enforcement officials from a consumer or cannabis establishment in connection with the claimed possession or use of cannabis under sections 2 to 7,

- inclusive, of this act, shall be returned to the consumer or cannabis establishment immediately upon the determination by a court that the consumer or cannabis establishment is in compliance with the provisions of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, as evidenced by a decision not to prosecute, a dismissal of charges or an acquittal. The provisions of this section do not apply to any person who fails to comply with the provisions of sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act.
- Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Except as provided in chapter 420b or 420f of the general statutes and subsection (b) of this section, no person, other than a cannabis retailer, as provided in section 3 of this act, may distribute, sell, offer or give cannabis or cannabis products to a consumer.
- (b) Any consumer who purchases cannabis or cannabis products from a cannabis retailer may offer or give cannabis or cannabis products to another consumer, provided such other consumer may possess such cannabis or cannabis products without exceeding the possession limit.
- Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 420b of the general statutes, a consumer may manufacture, possess or purchase paraphernalia related to cannabis or distribute or sell paraphernalia related to cannabis to another consumer.
- Sec. 8. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 19a-342 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- (a) As used in this section, "smoke" or "smoking" means the lighting or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device, whether containing wholly or in part tobacco, or a cannabis-type substance, as defined in section 21a-240.
- 137 (b) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 31-40q, no person 138 shall smoke: (A) In any building or portion of a building, partially 139 enclosed shelter on a rail platform or bus shelter owned and operated

or leased and operated by the state or any political subdivision thereof; (B) in any area of a health care institution; (C) in any area of a retail food store; (D) in any restaurant; (E) in any area of an establishment with a permit issued for the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-20a, 30-21, 30-21b, 30-22, 30-22c, 30-28, 30-28a, 30-33a, 30-33b, 30-35a, 30-37a, 30-37e or 30-37f, in any area of an establishment with a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-23 issued after May 1, 2003, and, on and after April 1, 2004, in any area of an establishment with a permit issued for the sale of alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-22a or 30-26 or the bar area of a bowling establishment holding a permit pursuant to subsection (a) of section 30-37c; (F) within a school building while school is in session or student activities are being conducted; (G) in any passenger elevator, provided no person shall be arrested for violating this subsection unless there is posted in such elevator a sign which indicates that smoking is prohibited by state law; (H) in any dormitory in any public or private institution of higher education; or (I) on and after April 1, 2004, in any area of a dog race track or a facility equipped with screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race programs or jai alai games. For purposes of this subsection, "restaurant" means space, in a suitable and permanent building, kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where meals are regularly served to the public.

(2) This section shall not apply to (A) correctional facilities; (B) designated smoking areas in psychiatric facilities; (C) public housing projects, as defined in subsection (b) of section 21a-278a; (D) any classroom where demonstration smoking is taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson; (E) smoking rooms provided by employers for employees, pursuant to section 31-40q; (F) notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the outdoor portion of the premises of any permittee listed in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided, in the case of any seating area maintained for the service of food, at least seventy-five per cent of the outdoor seating capacity is an

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174 area in which smoking is prohibited and which is clearly designated 175 with written signage as a nonsmoking area, except that any temporary 176 seating area established for special events and not used on a regular 177 basis shall not be subject to the smoking prohibition or signage 178 requirements of this subparagraph; (G) any medical research site 179 where smoking is integral to the research being conducted; or (H) any 180 tobacco bar, provided no tobacco bar shall expand in size or change its 181 location from its size or location as of December 31, 2002. For purposes 182 of this subdivision, "outdoor" means an area which has no roof or 183 other ceiling enclosure, "tobacco bar" means an establishment with a 184 permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor to consumers issued pursuant to 185 chapter 545 that, in the calendar year ending December 31, 2002, 186 generated ten per cent or more of its total annual gross income from 187 the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors, 188 and "tobacco product" means any substance that contains tobacco, 189 including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco or 190 chewing tobacco. "Tobacco product" does not include a cannabis-type 191 substance.

- 192 Sec. 9. Section 19a-342a of the general statutes is repealed and the 193 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- 194 (a) As used in this section and section 2 of public act 15-206:
- 195 (1) "Child care facility" means a provider of child care services as 196 defined in section 19a-77, or a person or entity required to be licensed 197 under section 17a-145;
- 198 (2) "Electronic nicotine or cannabis delivery system" means an 199 electronic device that may be used to simulate smoking in the delivery of nicotine, cannabis concentrate, as defined in section 1 of this act, or 200 other substances to a person inhaling from the device, and includes, but is not limited to, an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic 203 cigarillo, electronic pipe or electronic hookah and any related device and any cartridge or other component of such device;

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- (3) "Liquid nicotine container" means a container that holds a liquid substance containing nicotine that is sold, marketed or intended for use in an electronic nicotine delivery system or vapor product, except "liquid nicotine container" does not include such a container that is prefilled and sealed by the manufacturer and not intended to be opened by the consumer; and
- (4) "Vapor product" means any product that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit or other electronic, chemical or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to produce a vapor that may or may not include nicotine <u>or cannabis concentrate</u>, as <u>defined in section 1 of this act</u>, that is inhaled by the user of such product, but shall not include a medicinal or therapeutic product used by a (A) licensed health care provider to treat a patient in a health care setting, or (B) a patient, as prescribed or directed by a licensed health care provider in any setting.
- 220 (b) (1) No person shall use an electronic nicotine or cannabis 221 delivery system or vapor product: (A) In any building or portion of a 222 building owned and operated or leased and operated by the state or 223 any political subdivision thereof; (B) in any area of a health care 224 institution; (C) in any area of a retail food store; (D) in any restaurant; 225 (E) in any area of an establishment with a permit issued for the sale of 226 alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-20a, 30-21, 30-21b, 30-22, 30-22a, 227 30-22c, 30-26, 30-28, 30-28a, 30-33a, 30-33b, 30-35a, 30-37a, 30-37e or 30-228 37f, in any area of establishment with a permit issued for the sale of 229 alcoholic liquor pursuant to section 30-23 issued after May 1, 2003, or 230 the bar area of a bowling establishment holding a permit pursuant to 231 subsection (a) of section 30-37c; (F) within a school building while 232 school is in session or student activities are being conducted; (G) 233 within a child care facility, except, if the child care facility is a family 234 child care home as defined in section 19a-77, such use is prohibited 235 only when a child enrolled in such home is present; (H) in any 236 passenger elevator, provided no person shall be arrested for violating 237 this subsection unless there is posted in such elevator a sign which

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indicates that such use is prohibited by state law; (I) in any dormitory in any public or private institution of higher education; or (J) in any area of a dog race track or a facility equipped with screens for the simulcasting of off-track betting race programs or jai alai games. For purposes of this subsection, "restaurant" means space, in a suitable and permanent building, kept, used, maintained, advertised and held out to the public to be a place where meals are regularly served to the public.

(2) This section shall not apply to (A) correctional facilities; (B) designated smoking areas in psychiatric facilities; (C) public housing projects, as defined in subsection (b) of section 21a-278a; (D) any classroom where a demonstration of the use of an electronic nicotine or cannabis delivery system or vapor product is taking place as part of a medical or scientific experiment or lesson; (E) any medical research site where the use of an electronic nicotine or cannabis delivery system or vapor product is integral to the research being conducted; (F) establishments without a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor that sell electronic nicotine or cannabis delivery systems, vapor products or liquid nicotine containers on-site and allow their customers to use such systems, products or containers on-site; (G) smoking rooms provided by employers for employees, pursuant to section 31-40q; (H) notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the outdoor portion of the premises of any permittee listed in subparagraph (E) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided, in the case of any seating area maintained for the service of food, at least seventy-five per cent of the outdoor seating capacity is an area in which smoking is prohibited and which is clearly designated with written signage as a nonsmoking area, except that any temporary seating area established for special events and not used on a regular basis shall not be subject to the prohibition on the use of an electronic nicotine or cannabis delivery system or vapor product or the signage requirements of this subparagraph; or (I) any tobacco bar, provided no tobacco bar shall expand in size or change its location from its size or location as of October 1, 2015. For purposes of this subdivision,

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- "outdoor" means an area which has no roof or other ceiling enclosure, "tobacco bar" means an establishment with a permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor to consumers issued pursuant to chapter 545 that, in the calendar year ending December 31, 2015, generated ten per cent or more of its total annual gross income from the on-site sale of tobacco products and the rental of on-site humidors, and "tobacco product" means any substance that contains tobacco, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco or chewing tobacco. "Tobacco product" does not include a cannabis-type substance, as defined in section 21a-240.
 - (c) The operator of a hotel, motel or similar lodging may allow guests to use an electronic nicotine <u>or cannabis</u> delivery system or vapor product in not more than twenty-five per cent of the rooms offered as accommodations to guests.
 - (d) In each room, elevator, area or building in which the use of an electronic nicotine <u>or cannabis</u> delivery system or vapor product is prohibited by this section, the person in control of the premises shall post or cause to be posted in a conspicuous place signs stating that such use is prohibited by state law. Such signs, except in elevators, restaurants, establishments with permits to sell alcoholic liquor to consumers issued pursuant to chapter 545, hotels, motels or similar lodgings, and health care institutions, shall have letters at least four inches high with the principal strokes of letters not less than one-half inch wide.
 - (e) Any person found guilty of using an electronic nicotine <u>or cannabis</u> delivery system or vapor product in violation of this section, failure to post signs as required by this section or the unauthorized removal of such signs shall have committed an infraction.
 - (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the designation of any area for the use of electronic nicotine <u>or cannabis</u> delivery system or vapor product in any building.

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303 304 305 306	(g) The provisions of this section shall supersede and preempt the provisions of any municipal law or ordinance relative to the use of an electronic nicotine <u>or cannabis</u> delivery system or vapor product effective prior to, on or after October 1, 2015.
307 308 309	Sec. 10. Subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section 7-148 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (<i>Effective October 1, 2019</i>):
310 311	(7) (A) (i) Make rules relating to the maintenance of safe and sanitary housing;
312 313 314	(ii) Regulate the mode of using any buildings when such regulations seem expedient for the purpose of promoting the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the inhabitants of the municipality;
315 316 317	(iii) Regulate and prohibit the moving of buildings upon or through the streets or other public places of the municipality, and cause the removal and demolition of unsafe buildings and structures;
318 319 320 321 322	(iv) Regulate and provide for the licensing of parked trailers when located off the public highways, and trailer parks or mobile manufactured home parks, except as otherwise provided by special act and except where there exists a local zoning commission so empowered;
323 324 325	(v) Establish lines beyond which no buildings, steps, stoop, veranda, billboard, advertising sign or device or other structure or obstruction may be erected;

- (vi) Regulate and prohibit the placing, erecting or keeping of signs, awnings or other things upon or over the sidewalks, streets and other
- 328 public places of the municipality;
- (vii) Regulate plumbing and house drainage;
- (viii) Prohibit or regulate the construction of dwellings, apartments,

- boarding houses, hotels, commercial buildings, youth camps or commercial camps and commercial camping facilities in such municipality unless the sewerage facilities have been approved by the authorized officials of the municipality;
- (B) (i) Regulate and prohibit, in a manner not inconsistent with the general statutes, traffic, the operation of vehicles on streets and highways, off-street parking and on-street residential neighborhood parking areas in which on-street parking is limited to residents of a given neighborhood, as determined by the municipality;
 - (ii) Regulate the speed of vehicles, subject to the provisions of the general statutes relating to the regulation of the speed of motor vehicles and of animals, and the driving or leading of animals through the streets;
- 344 (iii) Require that conspicuous signage be posted in any area where a 345 motor vehicle may be subject to towing or to the use of a wheel-locking 346 device that renders such motor vehicle immovable, and that such 347 signage indicate where the motor vehicle will be stored, how the 348 vehicle may be redeemed and any costs or fees that may be charged;
 - (C) Regulate and prohibit the construction or use, and require the removal of sinks, cesspools, drains, sewers, privies, barns, outhouses and poultry pens and houses;
 - (D) (i) Regulate and prohibit the going at large of dogs and other animals in the streets and public places of the municipality and prevent cruelty to animals and all inhuman sports, except that no municipality shall adopt breed-specific dog ordinances;
- 356 (ii) Regulate and prohibit the keeping of wild or domestic animals, 357 including reptiles, within the municipal limits or portions thereof;
- 358 (E) Define, prohibit and abate within the municipality all nuisances 359 and causes thereof, and all things detrimental to the health, morals, 360 safety, convenience and welfare of its inhabitants and cause the

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361	abatement of any nuisance at the expense of the owner or owners of		
362	the premises on which such nuisance exists;		
363	(F) (i) Keep streets, sidewalks and public places free from undue		
364	noise and nuisances, and prohibit loitering thereon;		
365	(ii) Regulate loitering on private property with the permission of the		
366	owner thereof;		
367	(iii) Prohibit the loitering in the nighttime of minors on the streets		
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369	(iv) Prevent trespassing on public and private lands and in		
370	buildings in the municipality;		
371	(G) Prevent vice and suppress gambling houses, houses of ill-fame		
372	and disorderly houses;		
373	(H) (i) Secure the safety of persons in or passing through the		
374	municipality by regulation of shows, processions, parades and music;		
375	(ii) Regulate and prohibit the carrying on within the municipality of		
376	any trade, manufacture, business or profession which is, or may be, so		
377	carried on as to become prejudicial to public health, conducive to fraud		
378	and cheating, or dangerous to, or constituting an unreasonable		
379	annoyance to, those living or owning property in the vicinity;		
380	(iii) Regulate auctions and garage and tag sales;		
381	(iv) Prohibit, restrain, license and regulate the business of peddlers,		
382	auctioneers and junk dealers in a manner not inconsistent with the		
383	general statutes;		
384	(v) Regulate and prohibit swimming or bathing in the public or		
385	exposed places within the municipality;		

(vi) Regulate and license the operation of amusement parks and

amusement arcades including, but not limited to, the regulation of

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389 390 391	(vii) Prohibit, restrain, license and regulate all sports, exhibitions, public amusements and performances and all places where games may be played;
392 393	(viii) Preserve the public peace and good order, prevent and quell riots and disorderly assemblages and prevent disturbing noises;
394 395 396	(ix) Establish a system to obtain a more accurate registration of births, marriages and deaths than the system provided by the general statutes in a manner not inconsistent with the general statutes;
397 398	(x) Control insect pests or plant diseases in any manner deemed appropriate;
399 400 401	(xi) Provide for the health of the inhabitants of the municipality and do all things necessary or desirable to secure and promote the public health;
402 403	(xii) Regulate the use of streets, sidewalks, highways, public places and grounds for public and private purposes;
404 405 406	(xiii) Make and enforce police, sanitary or other similar regulations and protect or promote the peace, safety, good government and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants;
407 408 409 410 411 412	(xiv) Regulate, in addition to the requirements under section 7-282b, the installation, maintenance and operation of any device or equipment in a residence or place of business which is capable of automatically calling and relaying recorded emergency messages to any state police or municipal police or fire department telephone number or which is capable of automatically calling and relaying
413 414 415	recorded emergency messages or other forms of emergency signals to an intermediate third party which shall thereafter call and relay such emergency messages to a state police or municipal police or fire

department telephone number. Such regulations may provide for

- 417 penalties for the transmittal of false alarms by such devices or 418 equipment;
- 419 (xv) Make and enforce regulations for the prevention and 420 remediation of housing blight, including regulations reducing 421 assessments and authorizing designated agents of the municipality to 422 enter property during reasonable hours for the purpose of remediating 423 blighted conditions, provided such regulations define housing blight 424 and require such municipality to give written notice of any violation to 425 the owner and occupant of the property and provide a reasonable 426 opportunity for the owner and occupant to remediate the blighted 427 conditions prior to any enforcement action being taken, and further 428 provided such regulations shall not authorize such municipality or its 429 designated agents to enter any dwelling house or structure on such 430 property, and including regulations establishing a duty to maintain 431 property and specifying standards to determine if there is neglect; 432 prescribe civil penalties for the violation of such regulations of not less 433 than ten or more than one hundred dollars for each day that a 434 violation continues and, if such civil penalties are prescribed, such 435 municipality shall adopt a citation hearing procedure in accordance 436 with section 7-152c;
- 437 (xvi) Regulate, on any property owned by the municipality, any 438 activity deemed to be deleterious to public health, including the 439 lighting or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device, 440 whether containing wholly or in part tobacco, or a cannabis-type 441 substance, as defined in section 21a-240;
- Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 21a-277 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):
- (b) (1) No person may manufacture, distribute, sell, prescribe, dispense, compound, transport with the intent to sell or dispense, possess with the intent to sell or dispense, offer, give or administer to another person, except as authorized in this chapter, [or] chapter 420f

- or sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, any controlled substance other than a (A) narcotic substance, or (B) hallucinogenic substance.
- 451 (2) Any person who violates subdivision (1) of this subsection (A) 452 for a first offense, may be fined not more than twenty-five thousand 453 dollars or imprisoned not more than seven years, or be both fined and 454 imprisoned, and (B) for any subsequent offense, may be fined not more 455 than one hundred thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than 456 fifteen years, or be both fined and imprisoned.
- Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 21a-278 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):
- 460 (b) (1) No person may manufacture, distribute, sell, prescribe, 461 dispense, compound, transport with the intent to sell or dispense, 462 possess with the intent to sell or dispense, offer, give or administer to 463 another person, except as authorized in this chapter, [or] chapter 420f or sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, (A) a narcotic substance, (B) a 464 465 hallucinogenic substance, (C) an amphetamine-type substance, or (D) 466 one kilogram or more of a cannabis-type substance. The provisions of 467 this subdivision shall not apply to a person who is, at the time of the 468 commission of the offense, a drug-dependent person.
 - (2) Any person who violates subdivision (1) of this subsection (A) for a first offense, shall be imprisoned not less than five years or more than twenty years, and (B) for any subsequent offense, shall be imprisoned not less than ten years or more than twenty-five years. The execution of the mandatory minimum sentence imposed by the provisions of this subdivision shall not be suspended, except that the court may suspend the execution of such mandatory minimum sentence if, at the time of the commission of the offense, such person was under the age of eighteen years or such person's mental capacity was significantly impaired, but not so impaired as to constitute a defense to prosecution.

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- Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 21a-279 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 482 1, 2019):
- (a) (1) Any person who possesses or has under such person's control any quantity of any controlled substance, except less than one-half ounce of a cannabis-type substance and except as authorized in this chapter, chapter 420f or sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- (2) For a second offense of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court shall evaluate such person and, if the court determines such person is a drug-dependent person, the court may suspend prosecution of such person and order such person to undergo a substance abuse treatment program.
- (3) For any subsequent offense of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court may find such person to be a persistent offender for possession of a controlled substance in accordance with section 53a-40.
- Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 21a-279a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):
- (a) Any person who possesses or has under his control less than one-half ounce of a cannabis-type substance, [as defined in section 21a-240,] except as authorized in this chapter, chapter 420f or sections 2 to 7, inclusive, of this act, shall (1) for a first offense, be fined one hundred fifty dollars, and (2) for a subsequent offense, be fined not less than two hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars.
- Sec. 15. Section 30-86 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- 507 (a) As used in this section:
- 508 (1) "Cardholder" means any person who presents a driver's license

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509	or an identity card to a (A) permittee or permittee's agent or employee
510	to purchase or receive alcoholic liquor from such permittee or
511	permittee's agent or employee, or (B) cannabis retailer to purchase
512	cannabis or a cannabis product from such cannabis retailer;
513	(2) "Identity card" means an identification card issued in accordance
514	with the provisions of section 1-1h;
515	(3) "Transaction scan" means the process by which a permittee or

- (3) "Transaction scan" means the process by which a permittee or permittee's agent or employee <u>or cannabis retailer</u> checks, by means of a transaction scan device, the validity of a driver's license or an identity card; [and]
- (4) "Transaction scan device" means any commercial device or 520 combination of devices used at a point of sale that is capable of 521 deciphering in an electronically readable format the information 522 encoded on the magnetic strip or bar code of a driver's license or an 523 identity card;
- 524 (5) "Cannabis" means a cannabis-type substance, as defined in section 21a-240;
- 526 <u>(6) "Cannabis product" means cannabis product, as defined in</u> 527 <u>section 1 of this act; and</u>
- 528 (7) "Cannabis retailer" means a cannabis retailer, as defined in section 1 of this act.
- (b) (1) Any permittee or any servant or agent of a permittee who sells or delivers alcoholic liquor to any minor or any intoxicated person, or to any habitual drunkard, knowing the person to be such an habitual drunkard, shall be subject to the penalties of section 30-113.
- (2) Any person who sells, ships, delivers or gives alcoholic liquor to a minor, by any means, including, but not limited to, the Internet or any other on-line computer network, except on the order of a practicing physician, shall be fined not more than three thousand five

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- 538 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than eighteen months, or 539 both.
- 540 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply (A) to a sale, 541 shipment or delivery made to a person over age eighteen who is an 542 employee or permit holder under section 30-90a and where such sale, 543 shipment or delivery is made in the course of such person's 544 employment or business, (B) to a sale, shipment or delivery made in 545 good faith to a minor who practices any deceit in the procurement of 546 an identity card issued in accordance with the provisions of section 1-547 1h, who uses or exhibits any such identity card belonging to any other 548 person or who uses or exhibits any such identity card that has been 549 altered or tampered with in any way, or (C) to a shipment or delivery 550 made to a minor by a parent, guardian or spouse of the minor, 551 provided such parent, guardian or spouse has attained the age of 552 twenty-one and provided such minor possesses such alcoholic liquor 553 while accompanied by such parent, guardian or spouse.
- 554 (4) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to burden a 555 person's exercise of religion under section 3 of article first of the 556 Constitution of the state in violation of subsection (a) of section 52-557 571b.
- (c) (1) (A) A permittee or permittee's agent or employee may perform a transaction scan to check the validity of a driver's license or identity card presented by a cardholder as a condition for selling, giving away or otherwise distributing alcoholic liquor to the cardholder.
- 563 (B) A cannabis retailer shall perform a transaction scan to check the 564 validity of a driver's license or identity card presented by a cardholder 565 as a condition for selling cannabis or a cannabis product to the 566 cardholder.
- 567 (2) (A) If the information deciphered by the transaction scan performed under subdivision (1) of this subsection fails to match the

- information printed on the driver's license or identity card presented by the cardholder, or if the transaction scan indicates that the information so printed is false or fraudulent, neither the permittee nor any permittee's agent or employee shall sell, give away or otherwise distribute any alcoholic liquor to the cardholder.
 - (B) If the information deciphered by the transaction scan performed under subdivision (1) of this subsection fails to match the information printed on the driver's license or identity card presented by the cardholder, or if the transaction scan indicates that the information so printed is false or fraudulent, the cannabis retailer shall not sell any cannabis or cannabis product to the cardholder.
 - (3) (A) Subdivision (1) of this subsection does not preclude a permittee or permittee's agent or employee from using a transaction scan device to check the validity of a document presented as identification other than a driver's license or an identity card, if the document includes a bar code or magnetic strip that may be scanned by the device, as a condition for selling, giving away or otherwise distributing alcoholic liquor to the person presenting the document.
 - (B) Subdivision (1) of this subsection does not preclude a cannabis retailer from using a transaction scan device to check the validity of a document presented as identification other than a driver's license or an identity card, if the document includes a bar code or magnetic strip that may be scanned by the device, as a condition for selling cannabis or a cannabis product to the person presenting the document.
 - (d) (1) No permittee or permittee's agent or employee shall electronically or mechanically record or maintain any information derived from a transaction scan, except the following: (A) The name and date of birth of the person listed on the driver's license or identity card presented by a cardholder; (B) the expiration date and identification number of the driver's license or identity card presented by a cardholder.

- 600 (2) No permittee or permittee's agent or employee shall use a 601 transaction scan device for a purpose other than the purposes specified 602 in subsection (c) of this section, subsection (d) of section 53-344 or 603 subsection (e) of section 53-344b.
- 604 (3) No cannabis retailer shall (A) electronically or mechanically
 605 record or maintain any information derived from a transaction scan or
 606 otherwise obtained from the driver's license or identity card presented
 607 by a cardholder, or (B) use a transaction scan device for a purpose
 608 other than the purposes specified in subsection (c) of this section.
- [(3)] (4) No permittee or permittee's agent or employee <u>or cannabis</u> retailer shall sell or otherwise disseminate the information derived from a transaction scan to any third party for any purpose, including, but not limited to, any marketing, advertising or promotional activities, except that a permittee or permittee's agent or employee may release that information pursuant to a court order.
 - [(4)] (5) Nothing in subsection (c) of this section or this subsection relieves a permittee or permittee's agent or employee of any responsibility to comply with any other applicable state or federal laws or rules governing the sale, giving away or other distribution of alcoholic liquor.
 - [(5)] (6) Any person who violates this subsection shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars.
 - (e) (1) In any prosecution of a permittee or permittee's agent or employee for selling alcoholic liquor to a minor in violation of subsection (b) of this section, it shall be an affirmative defense that all of the following occurred: (A) A cardholder attempting to purchase or receive alcoholic liquor presented a driver's license or an identity card; (B) a transaction scan of the driver's license or identity card that the cardholder presented indicated that the license or card was valid; and (C) the alcoholic liquor was sold, given away or otherwise distributed to the cardholder in reasonable reliance upon the identification

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(2) In determining whether a permittee or permittee's agent or employee has proven the affirmative defense provided by subdivision (1) of this subsection, the trier of fact in such prosecution shall consider that reasonable reliance upon the identification presented and the completed transaction scan may require a permittee or permittee's agent or employee to exercise reasonable diligence and that the use of a transaction scan device does not excuse a permittee or permittee's agent or employee from exercising such reasonable diligence to determine the following: (A) Whether a person to whom the permittee or permittee's agent or employee sells, gives away or otherwise distributes alcoholic liquor is twenty-one years of age or older; and (B) whether the description and picture appearing on the driver's license or identity card presented by a cardholder are those of the cardholder.

Sec. 16. Section 30-88a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

Each person who attains the age of twenty-one years and has a motor vehicle operator's license, containing a full-face photograph of such person, may use, and each permittee or cannabis retailer may accept, such license as legal proof of the age of the licensee for the purposes of this chapter and section 3 of this act. Any person who, for the purpose of procuring alcoholic liquor or cannabis or a cannabis product, misrepresents his or her age or uses or exhibits an operator's license belonging to any other person shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. For purposes of this section, "cannabis", "cannabis product" and "cannabis retailer" have the same meanings as provided in section 30-86, as amended by this act.

Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 30-89 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2019):

- 662 (a) Any person to whom the sale of alcoholic liquor, cannabis or a 663 cannabis product is by law forbidden who purchases or attempts to 664 purchase such liquor, cannabis or cannabis product or who makes any false statement for the purpose of procuring such liquor, cannabis or 665 666 cannabis product shall be fined not less than two hundred or more than five hundred dollars. For purposes of this subsection, "cannabis" 667 668 and "cannabis product" have the same meanings as provided in section 669 30-86, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 18. Section 30-89a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
- (a) No person having possession of, or exercising dominion and 672 673 control over, any dwelling unit or private property shall (1) 674 knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence permit any minor to 675 possess alcoholic liquor in violation of subsection (b) of section 30-89 676 or cannabis or a cannabis product in such dwelling unit or on such 677 private property, or (2) knowing that any minor possesses alcoholic liquor in violation of subsection (b) of section 30-89 or cannabis or a 678 679 cannabis product in such dwelling unit or on such private property, 680 fail to make reasonable efforts to halt such possession. For the 681 purposes of this subsection, "minor" means a person under twenty-one 682 years of age. For purposes of this section, "cannabis" and "cannabis 683 product" have the same meanings as provided in section 30-86, as 684 amended by this act.
 - (b) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
- Sec. 19. Section 54-142a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):
- (a) Whenever in any criminal case, on or after October 1, 1969, the accused, by a final judgment, is found not guilty of the charge or the charge is dismissed, all police and court records and records of any state's attorney pertaining to such charge shall be erased upon the

- expiration of the time to file a writ of error or take an appeal, if an appeal is not taken, or upon final determination of the appeal sustaining a finding of not guilty or a dismissal, if an appeal is taken. Nothing in this subsection shall require the erasure of any record pertaining to a charge for which the defendant was found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect or guilty but not criminally responsible by reason of mental disease or defect.
- (b) Whenever in any criminal case prior to October 1, 1969, the accused, by a final judgment, was found not guilty of the charge or the charge was dismissed, all police and court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting grand juror pertaining to such charge shall be erased by operation of law and the clerk or any person charged with the retention and control of such records shall not disclose to anyone their existence or any information pertaining to any charge so erased; provided nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the arrested person or any one of his heirs from filing a petition for erasure with the court granting such not guilty judgment or dismissal, or, where the matter had been before a municipal court, a trial justice, the Circuit Court or the Court of Common Pleas [with the records center of the Judicial Department] in the Superior Court where venue would exist for criminal prosecution, and thereupon all police and court records and records of the state's attorney, prosecuting attorney or prosecuting grand juror pertaining to such charge shall be erased. Nothing in this subsection shall require the erasure of any record pertaining to a charge for which the defendant was found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.
- (c) (1) Whenever any charge in a criminal case has been nolled in the Superior Court, or in the Court of Common Pleas, if at least thirteen months have elapsed since such nolle, all police and court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting grand juror pertaining to such charge shall be erased, except that in cases of nolles entered in the Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, municipal court or by a justice of the peace prior to April 1,

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- 1972, such records shall be deemed erased by operation of law and the clerk or the person charged with the retention and control of such records shall not disclose to anyone their existence or any information pertaining to any charge so erased, provided nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the arrested person or any one of his heirs from filing a petition to the court or to the records center of the Judicial Department, as the case may be, to have such records erased, in which case such records shall be erased.
 - (2) Whenever any charge in a criminal case has been continued at the request of the prosecuting attorney, and a period of thirteen months has elapsed since the granting of such continuance during which period there has been no prosecution or other disposition of the matter, the charge shall be nolled upon motion of the arrested person and such erasure may thereafter be effected or a petition filed therefor, as the case may be, as provided in this subsection for nolled cases.
- 741 (d) (1) Whenever prior to October 1, 1974, any person who has been 742 convicted of an offense in any court of this state has received an 743 absolute pardon for such offense, such person or any one of his heirs 744 may, at any time subsequent to such pardon, file a petition with the 745 [superior court] Superior Court at the location in which such 746 conviction was effected, or with the [superior court] Superior Court at 747 the location having custody of the records of such conviction or [with 748 the records center of the Judicial Department] if such conviction was in 749 the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, municipal court or by a 750 trial justice court, in the Superior Court where venue would exist for 751 criminal prosecution, for an order of erasure, and the Superior Court 752 or records center of the Judicial Department shall direct all police and 753 court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney 754 pertaining to such [case] offense to be erased.
 - (2) Whenever such absolute pardon was received on or after October 1, 1974, such records shall be erased.
- (e) (1) The clerk of the court [or any person charged with retention

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and control of such records in the records center of the Judicial Department or any law enforcement agency having information contained in such erased records shall not disclose to anyone, except the subject of the record, upon submission pursuant to guidelines prescribed by the Office of the Chief Court Administrator of satisfactory proof of the subject's identity, information pertaining to any charge erased under any provision of this section and such clerk or person charged with the retention and control of such records shall forward a notice of such erasure to any law enforcement agency to which he knows information concerning the arrest has been disseminated and such disseminated information shall be erased from the records of such law enforcement agency. Such clerk or such person, as the case may be, shall provide adequate security measures to safeguard against unauthorized access to or dissemination of such records or upon the request of the accused cause the actual physical destruction of such records, except that such clerk or such person shall not cause the actual physical destruction of such records until three years have elapsed from the date of the final disposition of the criminal case to which such records pertain.

- (2) No fee shall be charged in any court with respect to any petition under this section.
- (3) Any person who shall have been the subject of such an erasure shall be deemed to have never been arrested within the meaning of the general statutes with respect to the proceedings so erased and may so swear under oath.
- (f) Upon motion properly brought, the court or a judge of such court, if such court is not in session, shall order disclosure of such records (1) to a defendant in an action for false arrest arising out of the proceedings so erased, or (2) to the prosecuting attorney and defense counsel in connection with any perjury charges which the prosecutor alleges may have arisen from the testimony elicited during the trial, or any false statement charges, or any proceeding held pursuant to section 53a-40b, or (3) counsel for the petitioner and the respondent in

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connection with any habeas corpus or other collateral civil action in which evidence pertaining to a nolled or dismissed criminal charge may become relevant. Such disclosure of such records is subject also to any records destruction program pursuant to which the records may have been destroyed. The jury charge in connection with erased offenses may be ordered by the judge for use by the judiciary, provided the names of the accused and the witnesses are omitted therefrom.

- (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police or court records or the records of any state's attorney or prosecuting attorney with respect to any information or indictment containing more than one count (1) while the criminal case is pending, or (2) when the criminal case is disposed of unless and until all counts are entitled to erasure in accordance with the provisions of this section, except that when the criminal case is disposed of, electronic records or portions of electronic records released to the public that reference a charge that would otherwise be entitled to erasure under this section shall be erased in accordance with the provisions of this section. Nothing in this section shall require the erasure of any information contained in the registry of protective orders established pursuant to section 51-5c. For the purposes of this subsection, "electronic record" means any police or court record or the record of any state's attorney or prosecuting attorney that is an electronic record, as defined in section 1-267, or a computer printout.
- (h) For the purposes of this [section] <u>chapter</u>, "court records" shall not include a record or transcript of the proceedings made or prepared by an official court reporter, assistant court reporter or monitor.
- Sec. 20. Section 54-142d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):
 - (a) Whenever any person has been convicted of an offense in any court in this state and such offense has been decriminalized subsequent to the date of such conviction, such person may file a

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petition with the [superior court] <u>Superior Court</u> at the location in which such conviction was effected, or with the [superior court] <u>Superior Court</u> at the location having custody of the records of such conviction or [with the records center of the Judicial Department] if such conviction was in the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, municipal court or by a trial justice <u>in the Superior Court where venue would exist for criminal prosecution</u>, for an order of erasure, and the Superior Court [or records center of the Judicial Department] shall direct all police and court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney pertaining to such [case] <u>offense</u> to be physically destroyed.

(b) Any person who has been convicted in any court in this state of a violation of section 21a-279, as amended by this act, for possession of a cannabis-type substance and the amount possessed was less than or equal to one and one-half ounces of such substance, may file a petition with the Superior Court at the location in which such conviction was effected, or with the Superior Court at the location having custody of the records of such conviction or if such conviction was in the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, municipal court or by a trial justice, in the Superior Court where venue would currently exist for criminal prosecution, for an order of erasure. As part of such petition, such person shall include a copy of the arrest record or an affidavit supporting such person's petition that such person possessed one and one-half ounces or less of a cannabis-type substance for which such person was convicted. If such petition is in order, the Superior Court shall direct all police and court records and records of the state's or prosecuting attorney pertaining to such offense to be physically destroyed. No fee may be charged in any court with respect to any petition under this subsection.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any police or court records or records of the state's or prosecuting attorney pertaining to such offense (1) while the criminal case is pending, or (2) in instances where the case contains more than one count, until all

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- counts are entitled to destruction. If all counts are not entitled to destruction, the court shall direct the records of any offenses that would otherwise be entitled to destruction pursuant to this section to be deemed erased pursuant to section 54-142a.
- Sec. 21. Section 53a-32 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):
 - (a) (1) At any time during the period of probation or conditional discharge, the court or any judge thereof may issue a warrant for the arrest of a defendant for violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, or may issue a notice to appear to answer to a charge of such violation, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, which notice shall be personally served upon the defendant. Any such warrant shall authorize all officers named therein to return the defendant to the custody of the court or to any suitable detention facility designated by the court. Whenever a probation officer has probable cause to believe that a person has violated a condition of such person's probation, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, such probation officer may notify any police officer that such person has, in such officer's judgment, violated the conditions of such person's probation and such notice shall be sufficient warrant for the police officer to arrest such person and return such person to the custody of the court or to any suitable detention facility designated by the court. Whenever a probation officer so notifies a police officer, the probation officer shall notify the victim of the offense for which such person is on probation, and any victim advocate assigned to assist the victim, provided the probation officer has been provided with the name and contact information for such victim or victim advocate. Any probation officer may arrest any defendant on probation without a warrant or may deputize any other officer with power to arrest to do so by giving such other officer a written statement setting forth that the defendant has, in the judgment of the probation officer, violated the conditions of the defendant's probation, except as provided in

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subdivision (2) of this subsection. Such written statement, delivered with the defendant by the arresting officer to the official in charge of any correctional center or other place of detention, shall be sufficient warrant for the detention of the defendant. After making such an arrest, such probation officer shall present to the detaining authorities a similar statement of the circumstances of violation. Provisions regarding release on bail of persons charged with a crime shall be applicable to any defendant arrested under the provisions of this section. Upon such arrest and detention, the probation officer shall immediately so notify the court or any judge thereof.

(2) No violation of a condition of probation or conditional discharge that is based solely on a defendant's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, may result in an arrest of or a warrant or notification to arrest or detain such defendant or return such defendant to the custody of the court under subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided the defendant was (A) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (B) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.

(b) (1) When the defendant is presented for arraignment on the charge of violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the court shall review any conditions previously imposed on the defendant and may order, as a condition of the pretrial release of the defendant, that the defendant comply with any or all of such conditions in addition to any conditions imposed pursuant to section 54-64a. Unless the court, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 54-64a, orders that the defendant remain under the supervision of a probation officer or other designated person or organization, the defendant shall be supervised by the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch in accordance with subsection (a) of section 54-63b.

(2) No violation of a condition of probation or conditional discharge

that is based entirely on a defendant's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, may be the sole charge for which a defendant is arraigned under subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided the defendant was (A) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (B) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.

(c) (1) Upon notification by the probation officer of the arrest of the defendant or upon an arrest by warrant as [herein] provided in this section, the court shall cause the defendant to be brought before it without unnecessary delay for a hearing on the violation charges, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection. At such hearing the defendant shall be informed of the manner in which such defendant is alleged to have violated the conditions of such defendant's probation or conditional discharge, shall be advised by the court that such defendant has the right to retain counsel and, if indigent, shall be entitled to the services of the public defender, and shall have the right to cross-examine witnesses and to present evidence in such defendant's own behalf. Unless good cause is shown, a charge of violation of any of the conditions of probation or conditional discharge shall be disposed of or scheduled for a hearing not later than one hundred twenty days after the defendant is arraigned on such charge.

(2) No violation of a condition of probation or conditional discharge that is based entirely on a defendant's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, may be the sole charge for which a defendant is brought before the court for a hearing under subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided the defendant was (A) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (B) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.

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- (d) (1) If such violation is established, the court may: [(1)] (A) Continue the sentence of probation or conditional discharge; [(2)] (B) modify or enlarge the conditions of probation or conditional discharge; [(3)] (C) extend the period of probation or conditional discharge, provided the original period with any extensions shall not exceed the periods authorized by section 53a-29; or [(4)] (D) revoke the sentence of probation or conditional discharge, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection. If such sentence is revoked, the court shall require the defendant to serve the sentence imposed or impose any lesser sentence. Any such lesser sentence may include a term of imprisonment, all or a portion of which may be suspended entirely or after a period set by the court, followed by a period of probation with such conditions as the court may establish. No such revocation shall be ordered, except upon consideration of the whole record and unless such violation is established by the introduction of reliable and probative evidence and by a preponderance of the evidence.
- (2) No violation of a condition of probation or conditional discharge that is based entirely on a defendant's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, may be the sole violation for which a defendant's sentence of probation or conditional discharge is revoked under subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided the defendant was (A) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (B) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- Sec. 22. Section 54-64f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):
- (a) (1) Upon application by the prosecuting authority alleging that a defendant has violated the conditions of the defendant's release, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the court may, if probable cause is found, order that the defendant appear in court for an evidentiary hearing upon such allegations. An order to appear shall

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be served upon the defendant by any law enforcement officer delivering a copy to the defendant personally, or by leaving it at the defendant's usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein, or mailing it by registered or certified mail to the last-known address of the defendant.

- (2) No violation of a condition of the defendant's release that is based entirely on a defendant's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, may be the sole violation that a prosecuting authority alleges under subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided the defendant was (A) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (B) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- (b) If the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has violated reasonable conditions imposed on the defendant's release it may impose different or additional conditions upon the defendant's release. If the defendant is on release with respect to an offense for which a term of imprisonment of ten or more years may be imposed and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant has violated reasonable conditions of the defendant's release and that the safety of any other person is endangered while the defendant is on release, it may revoke such release, provided the cause for revocation is not based entirely on a violation that is based solely on a defendant's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, in a case where the defendant was (1) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (2) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.

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- (c) If the defendant is on release with respect to an offense for which a term of imprisonment of ten or more years may be imposed and the court, after an evidentiary hearing at which hearsay or secondary evidence shall be admissible, finds by clear and convincing evidence that the safety of any other person is endangered while the defendant is on release and that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant has committed a federal, state or local crime while on release, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the defendant's release should be revoked, provided the cause for revocation is not based entirely on a violation that is based solely on a defendant's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, in a case where the defendant was (1) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (2) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.
- 1037 (d) The revocation of a defendant's release pursuant to this section 1038 shall cause any bond posted in the criminal proceeding to be 1039 automatically terminated and the surety to be released.
 - Sec. 23. Section 54-126 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):
 - (a) Said Board of Pardons and Paroles may establish such rules and regulations as it deems necessary, upon which such convict may go upon parole, and the panel for the particular case may establish special provisions for the parole of a convict. The chairman of the board shall enforce such rules, regulations and provisions and retake and reimprison any convict upon parole, for any reason that such panel, or the chairman with the approval of the panel, deems sufficient, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section; and the chairman may detain any convict or inmate pending approval by the panel of such retaking or reimprisonment.
- (b) A convict or inmate's possession, use or other consumption of

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cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, may not provide the sole reason deemed sufficient to permit the chairman of the board to retake and reimprison a convict or inmate or detain the convict or inmate pending such approval of such retaking or reimprisonment, provided the convict or inmate was (1) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (2) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.

Sec. 24. Section 54-127 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

The request of the Commissioner of Correction or any officer of the Department of Correction so designated by the commissioner, or of the Board of Pardons and Paroles or its chairman shall be sufficient warrant to authorize any officer of the Department of Correction or any officer authorized by law to serve criminal process within this state, to return any convict or inmate on parole into actual custody; and any such officer, police officer, constable or state marshal shall arrest and hold any parolee or inmate when so requested, without any written warrant, provided the reason to return such convict or inmate on parole into actual custody is not based solely on such convict or inmate's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, in the case of a convict or inmate who was (1) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (2) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.

Sec. 25. Section 54-127a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

All parole revocation and rescission hearings shall be conducted by an employee of the Board of Pardons and Paroles. The parole of a person who has been allowed to go on parole in accordance with

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subsection (a) of section 54-125a or section 54-125g, or who has been sentenced to a period of special parole in accordance with subdivision (9) of subsection (b) of section 53a-28, shall be revoked or rescinded if, after such hearing, the employee recommends such revocation or rescission and such recommendation is approved by at least two members of a panel of the board, provided the reason for such revocation or rescission is not based solely on such person's possession, use or other consumption of cannabis or cannabis products, each as defined in section 1 of this act, in the case of a person who was (1) twenty-one years of age or older at the time of such possession, use or other consumption, and (2) not in possession of more cannabis or cannabis product than such defendant's possession limit pursuant to section 2 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following				
sections:				
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section		
Sec. 2	July 1, 2019	New section		
Sec. 3	July 1, 2019	New section		
Sec. 4	July 1, 2019	New section		
Sec. 5	July 1, 2019	New section		
Sec. 6	July 1, 2019	New section		
Sec. 7	July 1, 2019	New section		
Sec. 8	July 1, 2019	19a-342(a) and (b)		
Sec. 9	July 1, 2019	19a-342a		
Sec. 10	October 1, 2019	7-148(c)(7)		
Sec. 11	July 1, 2019	21a-277(b)		
Sec. 12	July 1, 2019	21a-278(b)		
Sec. 13	July 1, 2019	21a-279(a)		
Sec. 14	July 1, 2019	21a-279a(a)		
Sec. 15	July 1, 2019	30-86		
Sec. 16	July 1, 2019	30-88a		
Sec. 17	July 1, 2019	30-89(a)		
Sec. 18	July 1, 2019	30-89a		
Sec. 19	October 1, 2019	54-142a		
Sec. 20	July 1, 2019	54-142d		
Sec. 21	October 1, 2019	53a-32		

Sec. 22	October 1, 2019	54-64f
Sec. 23	October 1, 2019	54-126
Sec. 24	October 1, 2019	54-127
Sec. 25	October 1, 2019	54-127a

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1, the definition of "cannabis retailer" was divided into subparagraphs for clarity and the definition of "dispense" was deleted for accuracy, as the term is not used in sections 1 to 7, inclusive, of the bill, in Section 9, the effective date was changed to conform with Section 8, in Section 15(d), subdivisions (2) and (3) were reordered for consistency, in Section 18, subsections (a) and (b) were merged for clarity, and in Section 19 (b) and (d) and Section 20(a) "currently" was deleted as unnecessary.

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